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Soviet Zone Police Practicing near ODERBERG

1 to 3 June 1949.

1. Practices held by the Soviet Zone police near ODERBERG (N 53/V 29) from 1 to 3 June 1949 proved that the Soviet Zone police does not possess any striking power in its present state of training and is capable only of intimidating and terrorizing the civilian population. The Soviet Zone police does not yet possess any fighting power; its infantry training has failed to develop cooperation between individual units.
2. The efficiency of individuals in the police was better than average, particularly with regard to infantry firing training.
3. The esprit de corps during training attacks was, if compared with that shown in Soviet maneuvers, artificial and pretended.
4. The accuracy of antitank units in direct firing against cardboard targets corresponds approximately to that of an average Soviet gunner after one year of training.
5. Immediately after completion of maneuvers the supervising Soviet officers ordered the replacement of several German officer-instructors and changed the training schedule for field exercises.

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